

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Production of Bio-Fertilizer

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Bio-fertilizer Production Units operating in various States of the country including Andhra Pradesh along with their installed capacity as on date;
- (b) the details of the actual production in each of the said units during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the monitoring system to maintain a check on the quality of bio-fertilizer being sold in the country; and
- (d) the details of the incentives being provided by the Government for production and encouraging the use of bio-fertilizer in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The details of Bio-Fertilizer Production units operating in various states including Andhra Pradesh, along with their installed capacity and the actual production during last three years is given at Annexure I and II .

(c): Biofertilizers are included in Schedule III of Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 (FCO). Under clause 19 of FCO no person shall sell any biofertilizer which is not of the prescribed standard laid down in the FCO. Under Clause 27 of FCO state Governments are empowered to appoint the biofertilizer inspector. Under clause 28 of FCO inspectors are empowered to randomly draw the sample for their testing in the 22 notified biofertilizer testing laboratories in the country. Under the provision of FCO/ ECA State Governments are adequately empowered to take action against any violation provision of FCO.

(d): Government is providing financial assistance for use of bio fertilizer through various schemes/ programmes viz: National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)/Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Mission on Oilseeds & Oil Palm (NMOOP) and Network Project on Organic Farming of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) . The pattern of assistance provided to State Governments through various schemes for promoting use of organic/bio fertilizer is given at Annexure III.